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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING FULL-FACED BALLOTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-242 of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Any direct recording electronic voting machine approved by the
5 Secretary of the State for an election or primary held on or after July 1,
6 2005, shall be so constructed as to:

7 (1) (A) Contemporaneously produce an individual, permanent,
8 paper record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot
9 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any, prior to
10 the elector's casting a ballot, as set forth in this subsection, and (B)
11 produce at any time after the close of the polls a voting machine
12 generated, individual, permanent, paper record of each such elector's
13 selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions or
14 proposals, if any. Both the contemporaneously produced paper record
15 and the voting machine generated paper record of each elector's

16 selections of ballot preferences shall include a voting machine
17 generated unique identifier that can be matched against each other and
18 which preserves the secrecy of the elector's ballot as set forth in
19 subdivision (4) of this subsection;

20 (2) Provide each elector with an opportunity to verify that the
21 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record
22 accurately conforms to such elector's selection of ballot preferences, as
23 reflected on the electronic summary screen, and to hear, if desired, an
24 audio description of such electronic summary screen, for the purpose
25 of having an opportunity to make any corrections or changes prior to
26 casting the ballot. If an elector makes corrections or changes prior to
27 casting the ballot, the voting machine shall void such
28 contemporaneously produced paper record, contemporaneously
29 produce another paper record containing such corrections or changes
30 and provide the elector with another opportunity to verify ballot
31 preferences in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. As
32 used in this section, "electronic summary screen" means a screen
33 generated by a direct recording electronic voting machine that displays
34 a summary of an elector's selections of ballot preferences for
35 candidates and questions or proposals, if any, at an election or
36 primary;

37 (3) Provide that a ballot shall be deemed cast on the voting machine
38 at the time that an elector's contemporaneously produced, individual,
39 permanent, voter-verified paper record, containing all of the elector's
40 final selections of ballot preferences, is (A) deposited inside a
41 receptacle designed to store all such paper records produced by such
42 voting machine on the day of the election or primary, and (B) the
43 elector's selection of ballot preferences is simultaneously electronically
44 recorded inside the voting machine for the purpose of (i) being
45 electronically tabulated immediately after the polls are closed on the
46 day of the election or primary, and (ii) producing, on such other day as
47 required under section 9-242b, a voting machine generated, individual,
48 permanent, paper record of each such elector's selections of ballot

49 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any;

50 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (1) of section 9-
51 242b, secure the secrecy of each such elector's ballot by making it
52 impossible for any other individual to identify the elector in
53 relationship to such elector's selection of ballot preferences at the time
54 that the elector (A) selects ballot preferences; (B) verifies the accuracy
55 of the electronic summary screen by comparing it to the
56 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record or
57 the audio description of such electronic summary screen, prior to
58 casting a ballot; (C) makes corrections or changes by reselecting ballot
59 preferences and verifies the accuracy of such preferences in accordance
60 with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection prior to casting
61 a ballot; and (D) casts the ballot; and at the time that all electors' ballots
62 are canvassed, recanvassed or otherwise tallied to produce a final
63 count of the vote for candidates and questions or proposals, if any,
64 whether through the electronic vote tabulation process or through the
65 manual count process of each elector's contemporaneously produced,
66 individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record, as set forth in
67 section 9-242b; [and]

68 (5) Be able to display, at once, on the machine's interface all such
69 information as is required pursuant to chapter 147 to appear on the
70 ballot label; and

71 [(5)] (6) (A) Be accessible to blind or visually impaired persons by
72 providing each elector, if desired by the elector, an audio description
73 of the contemporaneously produced individual, permanent, paper
74 record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences, in
75 addition to an audio description of the electronic summary screen and
76 comply with such additional standards of accessibility included in
77 regulations that the Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance
78 with the provisions of chapter 54.

79 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
80 subdivision, on or before June 30, 2007, the Secretary of the State may

81 approve an electronic voting machine that does not comply with the
 82 provisions of said subparagraph if (i) the Secretary determines that
 83 there are no electronic voting machines available for purchase or lease
 84 at the time of such approval that are capable of complying with said
 85 subparagraph (A), (ii) the electronic voting machine complies with the
 86 provisions of subdivisions (1) to [(4)] (5), inclusive, of this subsection,
 87 and (iii) the person applying to the Secretary for approval of the
 88 electronic voting machine agrees to include a provision in any contract
 89 for the sale or lease of such voting machines that requires such person,
 90 upon notification by the Secretary that modifications to such machines
 91 that would bring the machines into compliance said subparagraph (A)
 92 are available, to (I) so modify any electronic voting machines
 93 previously sold or leased under such contract in order to comply with
 94 said subparagraph (A), and (II) provide that any electronic voting
 95 machines sold or leased after receipt of such notice comply with said
 96 subparagraph (A). No voting machine approved under this
 97 subparagraph shall be used on or after July 1, 2007, unless it has been
 98 modified to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
 99 subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-242(d)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require electronic voting machines to display full-faced ballots.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]